

REMARKS

In the February 8, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-2 were rejected, and claims 3-11 were deemed objectionable. This Response amends claims 1, 4, and 11, and cancels claims 2 and 3. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1 and 4-11 (9 total claims; 3 independent claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings

Applicant has provided a replacement sheet that contains a corrected FIG. 6 having a "Prior Art" designation as requested by the Examiner. Applicant requests withdrawal of the associated drawing objection.

The Office Action objected to the drawings for allegedly not showing a "thrusting device" as recited in the claims. Applicant respectfully refers the Examiner to reference number 1003 in both FIG. 12 and FIG. 13, and to the specification at paragraphs 0046 and 0047, which describes thrusting device 1003 (depicted as springs in the illustrated example embodiment). Therefore, this recited claim feature is shown in the original drawings and Applicant requests the withdrawal of the associated drawing objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 3-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 3 and intervening claim 2, claim 4 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original independent claim 1, and claim 11 has been amended to include all of the limitations of original independent claim 1. Accordingly, all pending claims are now allowable.

Conclusion

In summary, for the reasons given above, all claims now presently in the application are in allowable form. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on

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this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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